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COUNTY TELEVISION NETWORK RECEIVES FIVE EMMY NOMINATIONS ***Magazine Show, Informational/Educational, Feature Segment, PSA and Writing (Spot)***

County Television Network (CTN), the local government access channel of the County of San Diego, received five Emmy nominations Thursday night from the San Diego/Southwestern Area chapter of the National Association of Television Arts & Sciences.

"CTN raises the bar for government access stations throughout the Southwest with these nominations," said Michael Workman, director of the county department of media and public relations, of which CTN is a division. "Our staff is once again being recognized as among the best in the television business here in San Diego and around the region. I'm very proud of all of the people who produce the high-caliber programming on CTN."

"County Chronicles" was nominated for Magazine Show (Regularly Scheduled). The executive producer of the show is Tracy J. Defore.

"Backstage at the Opera," is a "County Chronicles" feature segment that goes behind-the-scenes at the San Diego Opera and features the husband and wife team who are the head production carpenter and stage manager, respectively. Michael Russo produced the segment. It was nominated in the Feature Segment (Non News) category.

"San Pasqual Academy: A Brand New Hope," was nominated for Informational/Educational Program and is a 30-minute show that documents life at the County of San Diego's ground-breaking educational and residential facility for foster teens. The documentary was produced by Joe Tash and Michael Russo.

"Personal Ad – Wild One" was nominated in the public service announcement (PSA) category, and features a newspaper personal ad to meet an attractive female, but actually gives the number to adopt a cat from the County's Department of Animal Services. Dominic Fulgoni produced this PSA.

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“Smart Kid – I Went to the Library” was nominated in the Writing (Spot) category, and features a young boy advising his mother on gardening, showing off his precocious knowledge of the *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, and explaining that he learned about it at the San Diego County Libraries. Sonja Schmidt was nominated for writing this PSA.

Additionally, “Shadow Children: 5 Stories from the Street,” a program funded through the County’s Cable & Telecommunications Review Commission grant program, was nominated in the Student Informational Program category. The program airs regularly on CTN.

The Emmy Awards will be presented in San Diego on June 21 at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

CTN is available on Time Warner 22, Adelphia 66, and Cox 19 (North) & 24 (South), however, programming is not available in all areas at all times.

CTN’s complete program schedule is available on the web at www.ctn.org.

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